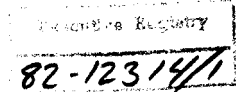


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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: Director, Office of External Affairs  
SUBJECT: Senator D'Amato and the Pope

Last October Senator D'Amato requested and received a briefing on the circumstances surrounding the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II and the assassination of Egyptian President Sadat. A record of that briefing is attached. In brief, the Senator was and remains convinced that the Soviets were behind the attempted assassination of the Pope. There is no such evidence within the Agency. Recently the Senator's interest in this subject was revived by Claire Sterling's article in the Reader's Digest on this same subject, and is quoted as saying to Ms. Sterling, "I find it shocking that you have not been approached by the Intelligence Community." Niles Lathem of the New York Post also wrote on this subject and alleged that [redacted] of External Affairs, who attended the briefing last October "bluntly told D'Amato to keep quiet." Senator D'Amato's aide who also attended the briefing has since apologized to [redacted] and confirms that no such exchange took place.

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